

2011 Family Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness

Prepare for emergency and prevent incidents and accidents at home.

ASSESS and ANALYZE: If you answer "NO" to any of the items below, take action to prepare for an emergency

- ☐ Are all stairways free of clutter, well lit, and in good repair?
- ☐ Are stairs, railings, and walkways on the outside of the house in good repair and adequate?
- ☐ Are there flashlights handy in the bedroom, kitchen, and living area?
- ☐ Does the condition of your earthquake kit prepare you for the basic needs of survival for 72 hours after an emergency? (fresh water, food, clean air, warmth - see on-line resources below)
- ☐ Are smoke alarms present, in working order, and tested once a month?
- ☐ Are smoke alarm batteries changed when daylight savings time changes? (Starts: Mar 13, Ends: Nov 6)
- ☐ Is there a light switch at the top and bottom of all stairways?
- ☐ Is your water heater properly and securely fastened to the wall?
- ☐ Are heavy objects, such as mirrors, picture frames secured adequately, or on lower shelves?
- ☐ If children visit your home, is your home truly child-proof for chemicals and poisons?
- ☐ Do you know how to shut off gas, water, and electricity in case the lines are damaged?
- ☐ Is the water temperature of the home safe (between 124-130F)?
- ☐ Are storage and work areas kept clean, orderly, and fire safe?
- ☐ Do you have a neighborhood safety plan?
- ☐ Are your house numbers visible from the street and are they lit for night time hours?
- ☐ Is your home protected with one (or more) fire extinguishers?

ACT:

- ☐ Complete and discuss the ***Home Fire and Emergency Escape Plan***
- ☐ Conduct a fire/ emergency drill at least twice a year (National Level Exercise: May 16-20, 2011)
- ☐ Communicate the "safe" and "danger" spots in your home during an earthquake to children
- ☐ Learn CPR and First Aid

What is the most likely accident to happen in ***your*** home?

What have you done to prevent such an accident from happening?

List 3 things you will do after reading this checklist to prevent an accident from happening in your home.

On line Resources:

www.ready.gov (US government, online multi-resource)

www.ready.gov/america - select "get a kit" (Emergency Supply kit)

<http://www.citizencorps.gov> (Community Emergency Response Teams)